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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TOPASSFOLLOWING MESSAGE TO  
PRESIDENT GIRI FROM PRESIDENT FORD. QUOTE:DEAR MR.  
PRESIDENT: ON THE 27TH ANNIVERSARY OFTHE INDEPENDENCE OF  
INDIA I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN CONVEYINGTOYOU MY CON-  
GRATULATIONS AND THE BEST WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE  
UNITED STATES. I AM CONFIDENT THATAS WE FACE THE  
CHALLENGES OF THE COMING YEAR, OUR MUTUAL DEVOTION TO THE  
CAUSE OF PEACE NOT ONLY IN SOUTH ASIABUT IN ALL PARTS OF  
THE WORLD WILL LEAD TO EVEN CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR  
GOVERNMENTS. MAY THE FUTURE BRING TO YOU ANDYOUR COUNTRY-  
MEN THE BLESSINGS OF INCREASED PROGRESSAND PROSPERITY.  
WITH BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, GERALD FORD.

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO  
OBJECTION IF EMBASSY WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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